

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

KATY SMITH and JANE DOE, a Minor, §  
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Plaintiffs, §  
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VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. SA-22-CV-1051-FB  
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THE COMAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL §  
DISTRICT, §  
§  
Defendant. §

**ORDER ACCEPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF**  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Court has considered the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge filed in the above-captioned cause on August 6, 2024 (docket #36), concerning Plaintiffs' Answer to Show Cause and Motion for Leave to File Amended Petition filed on March 25, 2024 (docket #34), and the recommendation that the motion be denied and that Plaintiffs' case be DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. According to the CM/ECF system, the Report and Recommendation was electronically transmitted to all the parties on August 6, 2024. To date, the docket reflects no objections to the Report and Recommendation have been received.<sup>1</sup>

Because no party has objected to the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, the Court need not conduct a de novo review. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) ("A judge of the court shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings and recommendations to which objection is made."). The Court has reviewed the Report and finds its

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<sup>1</sup> Any party who desires to object to a Magistrate's findings and recommendations must serve and file his, her or its written objections within fourteen days after being served with a copy of the findings and recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 635(b)(1). If service upon a party is made by mailing a copy to the party's last known address, "service is complete upon mailing." FED. R. CIV. P. 5(b)(2)(C). If service is made by electronic means, "service is complete upon transmission." *Id.* at (E). When the mode of service is by electronic means, three days are no longer added to the time period to act after being served. *See Heverling v. McNeil Consumer Pharmaceuticals, Co.*, Civil Action No. 1:17-CV-1433, 2018 WL 1293304 at \*2 n.3 (M.D. Pa. Mar. 13, 2018) ("On April 28, 2016, the Supreme Court adopted changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In pertinent part, the Court amended Rule 6(d) to remove 'electronic means' as a mode of service triggering an additional three days to act when a responsive period commences upon service. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 6, advisory committee's note to 2016 amendment. The amendments took effect on December 1, 2016.").

reasoning to be neither clearly erroneous nor contrary to law. *United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 492 U.S. 918 (1989). The Recommendation shall therefore be accepted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) such that Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File Amended Petition (docket #34) shall be DENIED and Plaintiffs' case be DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge filed in this cause on August 6, 2024 (docket #36), is ACCEPTED pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) such that Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File Amended Petition (docket #34) is DENIED, and Plaintiffs' case is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that motions pending, if any, are also DENIED, and this case is now CLOSED.

It is so ORDERED.

SIGNED this 30th day of August, 2024.



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FRED BIERY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE